

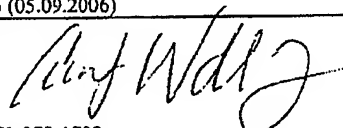
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

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International application No.

PCT/IL05/00192

Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on:

- ☒ the international application in the language in which it was filed.
- ☐ a translation of the international application into English, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
- ☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4(a))
- ☐ international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2(a) and/or 55.3(a))

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:

- ☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
 pages 1-13 as originally filed/furnished
 pages* NONE received by this Authority on _____
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- ☒ the claims:
 pages NONE as originally filed/furnished
 pages* NONE as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
 pages* 14-16 received by this Authority on 09 January 2006 (09.01.2006)
 pages* NONE received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the drawings:
 pages 1/3-3/3 as originally filed/furnished
 pages* NONE received by this Authority on _____
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- ☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) - see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3. ☒ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☒ the description, pages NONE
- ☒ the claims, Nos. 16 and 17
- ☒ the drawings, sheets/figs NONE
- ☒ the sequence listing (*specify*): NONE
- ☒ any table(s) related to the sequence listing (*specify*): NONE

4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
- ☐ any table(s) related to the sequence listing (*specify*): _____

* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>1-15</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims <u>1-15</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-15</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

2. Citations and Explanations (Rule 70.7)

Claims 1-15 meet the criteria of PCT Articles 33(2-4) since tumbling fish meat which has been placed in a holding sleeve is neither taught nor fairly suggested by the prior art.

----- NEW CITATIONS -----

NEW CLAIMS

1. A process for producing a sausage-like product from fish, comprising:
 - a) providing a chunk of fish meat;
 - b) providing a holding sleeve and a tumbler;
 - c) inserting said chunk of fish meat into said holding sleeve, for achieving maximum preservation of the anatomic structure and form of said chunk;
 - d) inserting said sleeve into said tumbler;
 - e) adding ingredients to said chunk, either before or after inserting said sleeve into said tumbler; and
 - f) tumbling, for a predetermined period of time, said sleeve in said tumbler, thereby increasing the level of absorption of said ingredients in said chunk of fish.
2. A process according to claim 1, wherein the ingredients are added to the chunk of fish by injecting them to said chunk.
3. A process according to claim 1, wherein the ingredients are used for curing the chunk of fish.
4. A process according to claim 1, wherein the ingredients are selected from the group consisting of: water, Nitrites, Salt, Sugar, Phosphates, Ascorbate, Sodium Glutamate, a stabilizer, or any combination thereof.
5. A process according to claim 4, wherein the stabilizer is a polysaccharide.
6. A process according to claim 1, further comprising cleansing or rinsing the product with cleansing material for removing unwanted residues.

7. A process according to claim 6, wherein the cleansing material is water.
8. A process according to claim 6, further comprising, after cleansing the product, transferring said product to a desired mold for thermally processing said product.
9. A process according to claim 8, further comprising:
 - a) after completing the tumbling process, removing the holding sleeve from the product; and
 - b) wrapping said product with wrapping material and inserting said wrapped product into an additional sleeve, said wrapping material being used for preventing the sticking of said additional sleeve to said product after thermally processing said product.
10. A process according to claim 9, wherein the wrapping material is porous paper or other thin sheet of material permeable to air.
11. A process according to claim 1, further comprising providing a tube for facilitating the insertion of the chunk of fish into the holding sleeve, and, prior to the insertion of said chunk into said holding sleeve, placing said holding sleeve about said tube in a way that said chunk is insertable into said holding sleeve through said tube.
12. A process according to claim 1, wherein the chunk of fish is provided after removing unwanted or inedible parts therefrom.
13. A process according to claim 1, wherein the chunk of fish is provided with its rind.

14. A process according to claim 1, wherein the chunk of fish is frozen after completing the tumbling process.

15. A process according to claim 1, wherein the holding sleeve is made of elastic material.